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Chopping for Trees Finding A Tree Yule Love

By Kenneth J. Souza

The smell of the pine. The twinkling of the ornaments. The sparkle of the lights.

Or maybe it's the sting of the sharp needles. The stickiness of the sap. Or the tendency it has of leaning to one side.

Whatever it is, it's about this time of year that people become enamoured — even obsessed — with claiming their own "perfect" Christmas tree. A lone pine plucked from its natural setting is thrust into a small base with water (whether it fits or not) and is left to stand in one corner of the living room precariously balancing excessive amounts of lights and ornaments while trying not to trample on the well-wrapped presents below.

Cruel and unusual punishment some might argue.

But the tradition of picking and purchasing a Christmas tree each year has become as important to the holiday as the family feast and the exchanging of gifts. And though there are supporters of the store-bought "artificial" tree, most families seem to prefer the look and smell of a real pine or fir tree — especially when they're so common to the New England area.

Indeed, during a recent excursion to one popular tree farm in Rochester, several people were clamouring for the best of the bunch. One couple had travelled from Sandwich to claim the perfect 10-foot tree. Another man took a truckload of twenty trees away with him to share with families on Cape Cod.

"Some people find a tree that's too big, and end up cutting the top off," said Swen Olaussen, proprietor of the Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester. "Others take the whole thing home and use the extra for wreaths and decorations."

Mr. Olaussen can be considered something of an expert on Christmas trees. He has owned and operated the Christmas Tree Farm for the last 20 years with his wife, and he spends most of his spare time caring for the newly-planted saplings and full-grown trees year-round. After marrying "the farmer's daughter," as he tells it, the couple decided to make the move from traditional farming to tree farming.

"I've always been interested in Christmas trees ... so in 1976 we got rid of the cows and turned the place into a (Christmas) tree farm," he said.

Mr. Olaussen's farm seems to be a popular destination from the weekend after Thanksgiving right through to the weekend before Christmas. The five-acre parcel of trees will yield an estimated 600 trees for sale each year, according to Mr. Olaussen. They sell for a modest \$20 to \$50 each, depending on their size.

Lynne Zimon of Marion showed up for her annual tree purchase with her dog "Katie" this week. "I come here every year ... his trees are beautiful," she said.

"They're the best-looking trees around."

Matt Ferro from Cape Cod, who was about to haul away 20 trees on this particular afternoon, agreed. "I've been coming here for the last few years," he said. "(Mr. Olaussen) does a great job with his trees."

Indeed, a little tender loving care seems to go a long way when cultivating holiday trees. Mr. Olaussen said his secret is simply to replant saplings each year after a tree is cut down. He also prides himself on pruning and shearing the trees during the year to keep their full shape. "I shear the trees once a year," he said. "Pine trees need to be sheared between June 15 and July 15. When you cut the branches, new buds are formed and it fills the tree right out."

It takes a sapling about 10 years to grow into a mature, six- or eight-foot tree. The farm is on a regular schedule now where each year a new crop is ready to be tagged and cut down. Admittedly, "there's always something to do," Mr. Olaussen said.

So what's the secret in keeping a tree fresh once you've taken it home? "The main thing is the outer bark needs to be watered," Mr. Olaussen said. "Some people shave or cut down the base of the tree to fit it into their tree stand. But the water is drawn up through the outer bark, not the inner trunk. It won't be able to get water if the bark is cut off."

Those who haven't either tagged or purchased a tree yet would be wise to do so before all the good ones

On the cover: Lynne Zimon of Marion finds the "perfect" tree at the Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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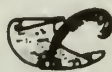
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are taken. Like most area tree farms, the Christmas Tree Farm, located at 142 New Bedford Road in Rochester, is open on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Holiday Tour

Marion's "Christmas Around Handy's Tavern"

The Sippican Woman's Club will present its Tenth Annual "Christmas Around Handy's Tavern and House Tour" on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year's tour brings the entire village of Marion into a very special day of celebration. The tour begins at the Woman's Club House, Handy's Tavern, which was built in 1812 to serve seamen in the busy seaport of Sippican.

Wassail will be served from the newly-renovated kitchen. "A Teddy Bear's Antique Christmas" will also feature antique bears from the collection of Lu Chevrier and antique miniature furnishings through the courtesy of club members and friends. Antique quilts from the collection of Emily McLaughlin of Perry Farm Patchworks in Acushnet will also be on display.

Chairperson Renata Briggs and her committee have spent months preparing for this event. Five private homes will be open on the tour and decorated for the holidays by local florists. This year's designers are Eden Landscapes (Marion), Mary Zino (Wareham), A Flower Works (Marion), Blossoms (Mattapoisett), and Reed Florist (Dartmouth). Members of the club will host homes, providing information on the special features of each.

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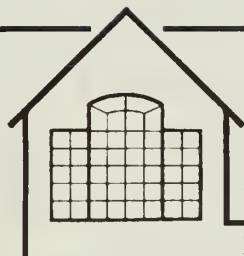
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The Marion Art Center will present "A Festival of Trees," featuring fine arts and crafts for sale displayed in, on, and around 50 trees of various sizes, decorated for the holidays. Demonstrations of scrimshaw and weaving plus candy cane making the old-fashioned way will take place between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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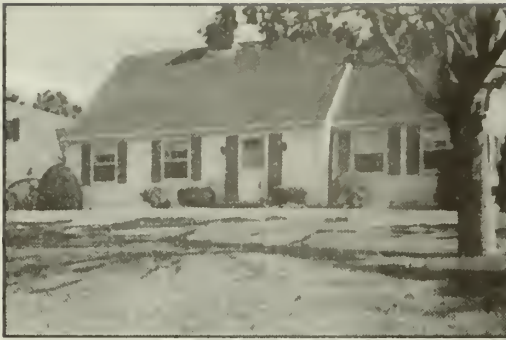
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The House Tour is the Sippican Woman's Club's only fund-raising event. Proceeds are used to establish scholarships for area students. For additional ticket information, please call 748-2461.

Mattapoissett Selectmen's Meeting

December 10, 1996

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday December 10, 1996 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present was Selectman Paul E. Lambalot, Selectman Michele C. Bernier and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After approving the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday December 3 the Board signed the weekly warrant and liquor licenses for 1997. Selectmen also signed outgoing correspondence including letters thanking Wesley Bowman, Alan Ewing and Dr. Costa for their input with regard to drainage on Church Street and a letter acknowledging the resignation of Cheryl A. Mallows.

Meetings scheduled throughout the week include a Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee on Thursday, December 12th in the Selectmen's Office and Executive Session for Collective Bargaining on Monday, December 16th.

At 7:05 pm the Board met with Kathleen Massey, Assistant Dog Officer regarding the Lucas dog hearing. She said the Lucas' have found another home for their

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Next the Chair of the Library Trustees Joan Andersen met with the Board to discuss the balcony in the Mattapoisett Library. She said the Library Board is concerned about the Building Inspector's report on the balcony which is sagging. "We won't know how serious it is until it's investigated," she said. She asked Selectmen the proper procedure for finding an engineer to repair the balcony. Chairman DeCosta said he would meet with Robert Humphrey, who has experience working on the library to look into the problem.

Ms. Andersen also asked how the Board should go about purchasing computer equipment. Ms. Adams explained the Library Trustees should get three bids for the computer and software equipment in writing to be on



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the safe side. She estimated the cost for the new computer equipment, which would eventually be able to access the library to the Internet, at about \$1,800.

Under the Executive Secretary's report Ms. Adams said she would like to publicly thank Melody Pacheco for her hard work preparing for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and "pulling everything together." Chairman DeCosta complimented the band and the chorus who participate in the lighting ceremony each year. "The kids were splendid this year," he said.

Under incoming correspondence for the week the Board received a follow-up letter from Building Inspector Andrew Bobola with regard to the issuance of building permits. Selectmen unanimously agreed to adopt the amendment as requested by the Building Inspector to help collect outstanding taxes or other municipal charges. This new section entitled "An Act Relative to Building Permits" is an amendment to a local option statute and according to Town Clerk Lois Ennis, was accepted at Town Meeting on May 6, 1986, Article # 35.

The areas the department will check before the issuance of a Building Permit include real estate taxes; excise tax, dog licenses; raffle and bazaar permits; department of Revenue tax filings; business certificates; mooring, skiff and wharf fees; second-hand article licenses; underground storage of gasoline and soil removal permits. In his letter Mr. Bobola states, "It is anticipated that when we are ready to issue a building permit we will call the town clerks and the treasurer's office and they will review the records and give us the approval before we issue a permit.

"If this draft is agreeable with you, I would suggest that this procedure be started on January 2, 1997 and that the town not get involved in reviewing licenses and permits previously issued."

The Board also received a copy of a letter sent to the Department of Revenue from the Water/Sewer Commissioners advising that \$8,441 will be reflected as



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Correspondence was also received from Dr. and Mrs. William P. Hunt thanking the Board for accepting the recommendations with regard to the Pepperbush Lane decision. The letter also encouraged endorsement of the Buzzards Bay Project model storm water regulations and moratorium on all future building. "Like the towns of Marion and Rochester, our town boards need the consistent and comprehensive approach to the issues of flooding and protection of water quality and wetlands habitat that these regulations would provide," the letter stated. "We would also like to see the Selectmen support Mr. Lee in his proposal of a moratorium on all future building. Any further development in Mattapoisett should be delayed until some kind of correction is made in present town flooding and water pollution problems and some long range planning is done to insure the quality of our streams, wetlands, and bathing beaches." The Board will continue to research the matter.

There being no further business before the Board to discuss, they unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 10, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

At 7:00 pm the board met with Clayton Hagy of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, who said he came before the Selectmen to commend a town employee for her diligent work with their organization. "There is one person (in the Marion Town House) who has been instrumental in scheduling our classes at the Music Hall," Mr. Hagy said. "I'd like to present a certificate of appreciation to Helene Craver, for her 'fair, just and impartial keeping of the Music Hall calendar.'"

After presenting the certificate to Ms. Craver, Selectman Schaefer informed Mr. Hagy that renovations on the Music Hall are slated to begin sometime in March of 1997. As such, the building will be closed for about one



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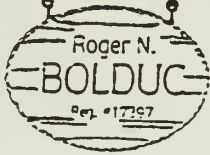
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year. Mr. Hagy said the Coast Guard Auxiliary is looking for an alternate meeting place and he appreciates the town's cooperation in allowing them to hold boating courses at the facility.

After signing treasury warrant 24 and 28 for the week and approving the minutes of the December 3 meeting, the board unanimously voted to reappoint Selectman Dickerson to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Pickles also advised that the Town House holiday schedule will follow the same guidelines as in past years. The Town House will remain open until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 24, but will be closed for December 25 and 26. Likewise, the Town House will be opened on December 31 until 4:30 pm, but will be closed on New

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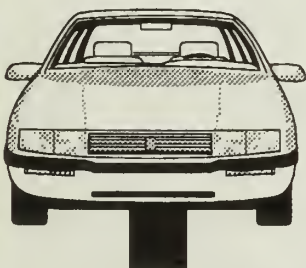
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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from Conservation Commission (ConCom) members Horace S. Kenney Jr. and Wayne Asker requesting that the board appoint two Association ConCom members as voting members during the period between February 3, 1997 and April 7, 1997. Mr. Kenney will be out of the country during that period and Mr. Asker will be away February 12 through April 18, creating a potential quorum problem. Mr. Kenney suggested the board appoint Jeffrey Oakes and Sherman E. Briggs Jr. as the two voting members.

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Oakes for that period, but Selectman Schaefer wanted to consult the legal decision regarding Mr. Briggs' participation, since his position as a contractor might conflict with ConCom decisions. The board agreed to take Mr. Briggs' appointment under advisement.

The board also received a copy of the town's proposal for a Bike Path as prepared by the Circulation Subcommittee of the Planning Board. Copies of this proposal have been sent to the Massachusetts Highway Department and the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

At 7:15 pm the board met with the Growth Management Oversight Committee to review some of their pending plans and goals for the upcoming year. Committee member Lee Hayes informed the board that they would like to schedule an open public meeting sometime in the spring prior to the next Special Town Meeting to discuss the zoning by-law changes as proposed by the Planning Board. "I know the Planning Board is planning to have a Monday night hearing sometime at the end of January ... but I thought maybe we could do another open meeting between their hearing and the Special Town Meeting," he said.

Mr. Pickles suggested having the meeting two weeks prior to the Special Town Meeting, which would

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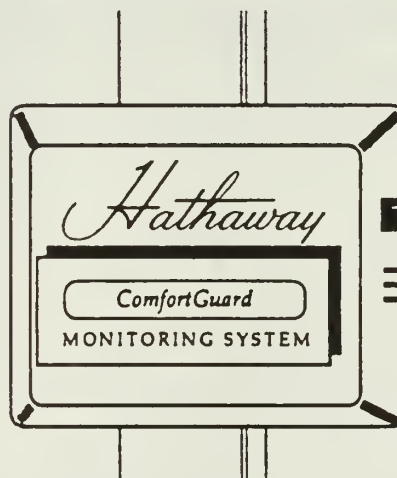


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The Growth Management Oversight Committee also requested another joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board prior to their public hearing. The board suggested January 14 as a possible meeting date. Lastly, the Growth Management Oversight Committee said they were working on improving the permitting process in order to retain existing businesses in Marion and encourage new businesses to move into town.

"For us, the retention (of existing businesses) is paramount," Mr. Hayes said. "Recruiting new businesses is important, but it's secondary right now."

Selectman Schaefer said she is working on streamlining the permitting process and opening up the communication between the various departments which businesses need to deal with in order to get their permits. A final plan should be ready early in 1997.

At 7:25 pm the board met with Robert Wedge of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity to discuss the organization's plans for the area. Mr. Wedge said he just wanted to meet with the board and let them know that they are up and running, and their goal is to build the foundation of its first home in the area sometime in June, 1997.

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At 7:35 pm the board met with members of the Board of Health (BOH) and Regional Sanitarian Karen Walega to discuss the future of the Acushnet/Marion/Rochester Regional Health District. According to the BOH, they have heard that Acushnet is looking to secede from the Regional Health District in July of 1997. They understand that Acushnet is currently seeking the advice of Town Counsel regarding this matter.

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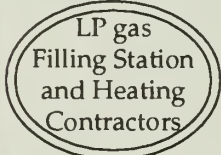
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Mr. Pickles interjected and said if the regional health district does, in fact, split (with Acushnet pulling out), he would suggest and support Marion and Rochester sharing the services of Regional Health Agent Karen Walega on a 60/40 percent basis, whereby Marion would have her services three days a week and she would work for Rochester the other two. "As it stands now, (Ms. Walega) has been forced to spend most of her time at on-site inspections," Mr. Pickles said. "We certainly could use her for restaurant inspections ... I know that (Marion) could use her services and I know we can justify the additional expense."

Mr. Pickles went on to say that Acushnet certainly has the option of seceding from the district, and both Marion and Rochester should be able to pick up the slack. "I think it would substantially improve the (Marion) Board of Health's ability to serve the residents if we had (Ms. Walega) working here three days a week," he said.

Although the BOH stressed that they haven't been officially notified of Acushnet's intentions, they are preparing for that eventuality. The Board of Selectmen unanimously said they would also support the sharing of the Regional Health Agent with Rochester based on Mr. Pickles' recommendation.

At 7:45 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session without Chairman Dickerson to discuss pending contract negotiations. They would adjourn for the evening upon completion of the Executive Session.

The Marion Board of Selectmen will be on hiatus during the next three weeks due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. Their next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 1997. The board and Town House staff wish to extend Happy Holidays to all Marion residents.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 9, 1996
By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, and Executive Secretary Russell J. Dean.

The board began the meeting by approving the minutes of the December 4 meeting and reviewing correspondence for the week. The Building Department submitted a letter informing the board of a surplus metal typewriter table which is available to any department in town. In another letter Vincent Ryan, a retired NYNEX employee, expressed his interest in serving on the town's Cable Advisory Committee. The board will place his letter on file since the committee is still in the initial stages of being formed. Those interested should contact the Board of Selectmen at the Rochester Town Hall.

Anna E. White next submitted a letter requesting she serve on the Arts Lottery Council. Her letter will be placed on file and forwarded to the chairman of the council.

Under the Executive Secretary's report, Mr. Dean said he received a letter from Police Chief Walter Denham in response to a request from a resident who was concerned about a dangerous intersection at Neck and Mendall Road. Mr. Dean said the police department determined it was dangerous when coming from a northerly direction. Although the road may be reworked in the future, Chief Denham advised that it wasn't possible at this time. A stop sign will be erected for those headed south onto Mendall Road since it is difficult to see approaching cars from that angle. The Highway Department will be asked to install the new stop sign.

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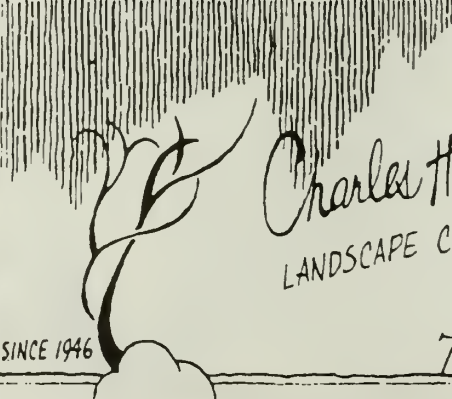
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At 7:15 pm the board met with Jack Ayers of Walnut Plain Road who submitted a letter regarding a dog complaint near his home. In his letter he said he was greatly concerned for his welfare when taking his daily walk past a house on Walnut Plain Road with an aggressive pit bull. Although the dog hasn't bitten him, he said he fears one day it will. He also fears the dog will pack up with others and said that could lead to a dangerous situation.

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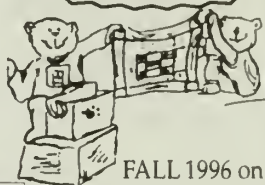
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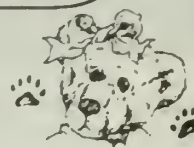
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time I go down," he said. Other people he has encountered on his daily walk have said they are also afraid to walk past the house. The owners have told him the dog won't bite, but that hasn't reassured him. He said a simple answer would be to keep the pit bull in the back of the house where there is a building and a dog run.

The owners of the dog, Gordon and Sharon Sylvia, said they didn't want anyone to get hurt either — one of the reasons they gave away another dog about a week ago. They are also looking for a home for the pit bull, which belongs to their oldest son. But their third dog — a German Shepherd — has never been a problem.

"Everyone in the neighborhood knows the dog and knows he's not a problem," Mr. Sylvia said. The

Sylvias also explained the pit bull has been chained up since Dog Officer Thomas Medeiros asked them to restrain the animal. They conceded he is aggressive.

"That's why we can't keep him," Ms. Sylvia explained. Even though it is a hard decision, they said they weren't willing to take the chance someone might get hurt. Selectman Cutler said he wished "all dog problems could be this easy," and asked the owners to inform the Town Hall when they did give away the pit bull.

Dog Officer Thomas Medeiros also told the board he has been going door-to-door of all dog owners in Bradford Estates to warn them to keep their dogs tied up, especially during trash pick-up. "Everyone has been advised if we do have a problem I'd pick up the dog and let the owner come to me at that time," he explained.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Rochester Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Paul Ciaburri, who asked that he remain the NYNEX Storm/Emergency contact person for the town. He said it has worked out well in the past and said "most of the time we deal with crews in town." Whether he is dispatched or paged, he said he is available to receive the message. "I have plenty of back-up," he said. The board unanimously agreed he should remain the NYNEX Storm/Emergency contact person after speaking with him.

Selectman Cutler also brought up the Snipatuit Pond Committee. He said it's time to do something with the committee, on which only three people have expressed interest in serving. The committee will meet

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At 7:40 pm the board met with Park Commissioners Gary Laboa and William Towers for an update on the Dexter Lane grant. After speaking with Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon, they said they have come up with a proposal. They explained the grant is for \$50,000 and can't exceed 58 percent of the total project cost.

"We need a \$100,000 project, even if it's for the first phase," explained Mr. Laboa. He said the total amount for the project — \$272,000 — should be split into two phases. In order to get the grant they asked an article for \$136,000 be placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant, which is tentatively scheduled for March or April. "The amount of money we're looking at is basically just to get us through the first phase," Mr. Towers said. "We'd like to be completed by the spring of 1998." The town's share will actually be \$86,000, since the \$50,000 grant is reimbursable. Mr. Laboa said fundraisers are also planned.

"We'd like to draft up an informational letter to the townspeople and businesses to let them know what we're doing, what we plan to do at Town Meeting," he said. "Meanwhile we'll try to raise money through the private sector for donations." A fund for the project was also discussed. "We'll keep our eyes and ears open for other grants," Mr. Laboa explained. So far the commissioners have researched three engineering

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"We'll be back here a year from now to talk to you about phase two," said Mr. Laboa. Once the survey and hard pricing are completed, Mr. Laboa said they'll know how much Phase I will accomplish and they'll take it from there. When asked if the board supported the project, Selectman Cutler said "yes."

"But the timing is questionable because of the budget," Selectman Cutler said. If passed, money for the article would be taken from either the Stabilization Fund or Free Cash. Town Accountant Claudette Coutu said there is about \$550,000 to \$600,000 in Free Cash, which is less than it was in prior years.

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fields, Mr. Laboa said they will still be used. He said they had to turn away quite a few adult softball teams because the fields were constantly being used. "I can't see us not using the old fields," he said.

After meeting as the Personnel Board, the Selectmen unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

December 9, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Everett L. Hardy Jr. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Robert J. St. Jean, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Ms. Miranda first noted that the board's scheduled meeting that evening with the Old Colony Regional School Committee had been cancelled, since they received no response regarding a vacancy on the committee. As such, the board is again seeking applicants to serve on the Old Colony Regional School Committee.

Interested applicants should send a letter and resume to the Acushnet Board of Selectmen, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. The deadline for applications will be extended to January 3, 1997 at 3:00 pm. The board agreed to make an appointment to the committee on Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from Mary-Jo Francis requesting a



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FRI	20	KIDS ON WHEELS XMAS PARTY 9:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM Adm \$3.00 Free Skates	Afternoon Session 2-4 or 4-6 PM \$3 Adm. or Both for \$5	Dance & Skate 7:30 - 11 PM Adm. \$5
SAT	21	AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 - 5:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50	Adm. \$4.00	OPEN SKATING 7:30 - 10:00 PM Skates \$1.50
SUN	22	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 - 4:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50	Adm. \$2.00	OPEN SKATING 6:30 - 8:30 PM Skates \$1.50
MON	23	1:00 - 3:00 or 3:00 - 5:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50 or Both Sessions for only \$5.00	Adm. \$2.00	OPEN SKATING 6:30 - 8:30 PM Skates \$1.50
TUES	24	CLOSED — Seasons Greetings!		
WED	25	CLOSED — Happy Holidays!		
THURS	26	1:00 - 3:00 or 3:00 - 5:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50 or Both Sessions for only \$5.00	Adm. \$4.00	OPEN SKATING 7:30 - 10:00 PM Skates \$1.50
FRI	27	KIDS ON WHEELS 9:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM Adm. \$3.00 Free Skates	1:00 - 3:00 or 3:00 - 5:00 Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50 or Both Sessions for \$5.00	OPEN SKATING 7:30 10 PM Adm. \$4
SAT	28	AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 - 5:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50	Adm. \$4.00	OPEN SKATING 7:30 - 10:00 PM Skates \$1.50
SUN	29	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 - 4:00 PM Adm. \$3.00 Skates \$1.50	Adm. \$2.00	OPEN SKATING 6:30 - 8:30 PM Skates \$1.50
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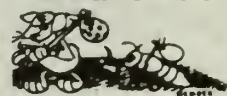
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street light be placed on pole #4-40 outside of 14 Rene Street. Ms. Francis noted the light would prevent injury in this area which suffers from icy conditions during the winter. The board unanimously voted to forward this matter to the Safety Committee for their recommendation.

The Safety Committee next sent a memo to the board requesting that warning signals be installed at the site of the new EMS Building on Middle Road and also at Russell Street for the Police and Fire Department. The board agreed to contact the Safety Committee regarding their next meeting to discuss these items. They also voted to send a copy of this information to the EMS Department, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief for their input.

The Safety Committee also responded to the Selectmen's recent inquiry regarding the driveway of Philip Camire who resides at 2 Bow Drive. It seems that vehicles travelling down Lake Street have difficulty making the turn and occasionally drive into Mr. Camire's driveway. When Mr. Camire recently filed a complaint with the Board of Selectmen, they voted to forward this matter to the Safety Committee.

The Safety Committee sympathizes with Mr. Camire's problem, but they also feel that "whoever designed the driveway used poor judgement." They also noted that they have previously requested a "dangerous intersection" sign be posted at Lake Street on the north side 20 feet from the stop sign at the intersection of Lake Street and Middle Road.



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Chairman Hardy said he'd like to get input from the DPW before approving the sign installation. The board unanimously voted to forward a copy of this information to the DPW to get their input before taking any action.

The Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) next sent an invitation for the board to attend their Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 11:30 am at The Highlander. Selectman Koczera said he will make an effort to attend on behalf of the board.

Kelly Hallé of Main Street in Acushnet next sent a letter expressing her concern over the proposed irrigation well at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course site. "My home will overlook the withdrawal point for the



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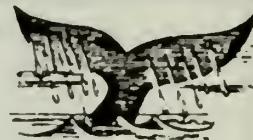
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proposed well," she wrote. "I am concerned as to whether any study has been done on what the effects of the proposed withdrawal from the ground water will be on surrounding wells. Whose responsibility will it be to drill a new well in case my existing well runs dry?"

The board agreed to send this letter to the Board of Water Engineers for their input.

Richard Elgar of the Hen House Corporation next sent a request to the board to extend their hours on Monday, December 16 to 1:00 am for a company Christmas Party, and also to 1:00 am on Tuesday, December 31 for a New Year's Eve Party. He also wrote to request extending their regular operating hours from 8:00 am to 1:00 am, Sunday through Saturday, for the entire year, beginning January 1, 1997.

The board first addressed the requests for this month. Since they have set a precedent in extending hours for New Year's Eve with other businesses, they unanimously voted to approve the Hen House's request for December 31, with the same stipulations as recently applied to Nine Island Restaurant. However, Chairman Hardy said the request for December 16 went beyond their normal exceptions.

"We have to be very careful with (liquor licenses)," he said. "Their license is issued for the entire year, and we usually make an exception for New Year's Eve ... but normally you can't extend hours for a typical weekday."

The board thereby voted to deny the request to stay open late on December 16.

As for their request for the entire year, the board voted to schedule a hearing on January 6 at 6:45 pm in order to consider extending their operating hours. All abutters will be notified as per state law.

The board next received a letter from Superior Homes, Inc. on Cedar Hill Drive regarding statements

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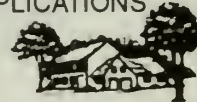
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made to them by DPW Superintendent Richard Settele. Mr. Settele was recently inspecting drains at the Squinn Brook Estates, and he asked representatives of Superior Homes if they owned any other lots in the development.

"After stating to him that we did, in fact, own two more lots, he responded, 'Don't plan on building on them,'" the letter stated. "This statement distressed us, as we feel that in no way are we responsible for the problems caused by the original developer."

Selectman Koczera asked that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the chairman of the Board of Public Works (BPW) for their input on this matter.

Michael Wojtunik and his wife next came before the board regarding a retreat lot situation on Gammons Road. According to Mr. Wojtunik, he has learned that a four-house development has been approved for property near his home. This property is the same site where a multi-house development had been proposed and previously rejected by the town.

Mr. Wojtunik also noted in a letter to the board: "Earlier this year there was an on-site public town meeting ... After a walk-through it was determined that the plans proposed were inadequate for the major drainage problems that existed not only on that property but the problems that could be cause on adjacent properties." In short, he would like to know why there wasn't a public town meeting prior to approval of this development and why was development approved when it was previously rejected by the town?

Chairman Hardy began by saying this is the first major problem they've encountered with the retreat lot by-law. Last week, the board attempted to rectify this situation with all department heads and see if something could be done regarding the wording of the town's new zoning by-laws. "I think we should suggest that the way



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the by-law was worded ... it should have been for only one retreat lot (per parcel)," Chairman Hardy said. "I think a cease and desist order should be issued until we resolve this matter."

The board agreed that while they are still trying to get a legal ruling on the retreat lot issue, the Planning Board should not approve any further developments containing retreat lots. The board unanimously voted to send a letter to the Planning Board advising them that they would like them to rescind their recent approval of two subdivisions containing retreat lots on a temporary basis, pending a response from Town Counsel. They also voted to notify abutters to the parcels regarding the legal matters involved.



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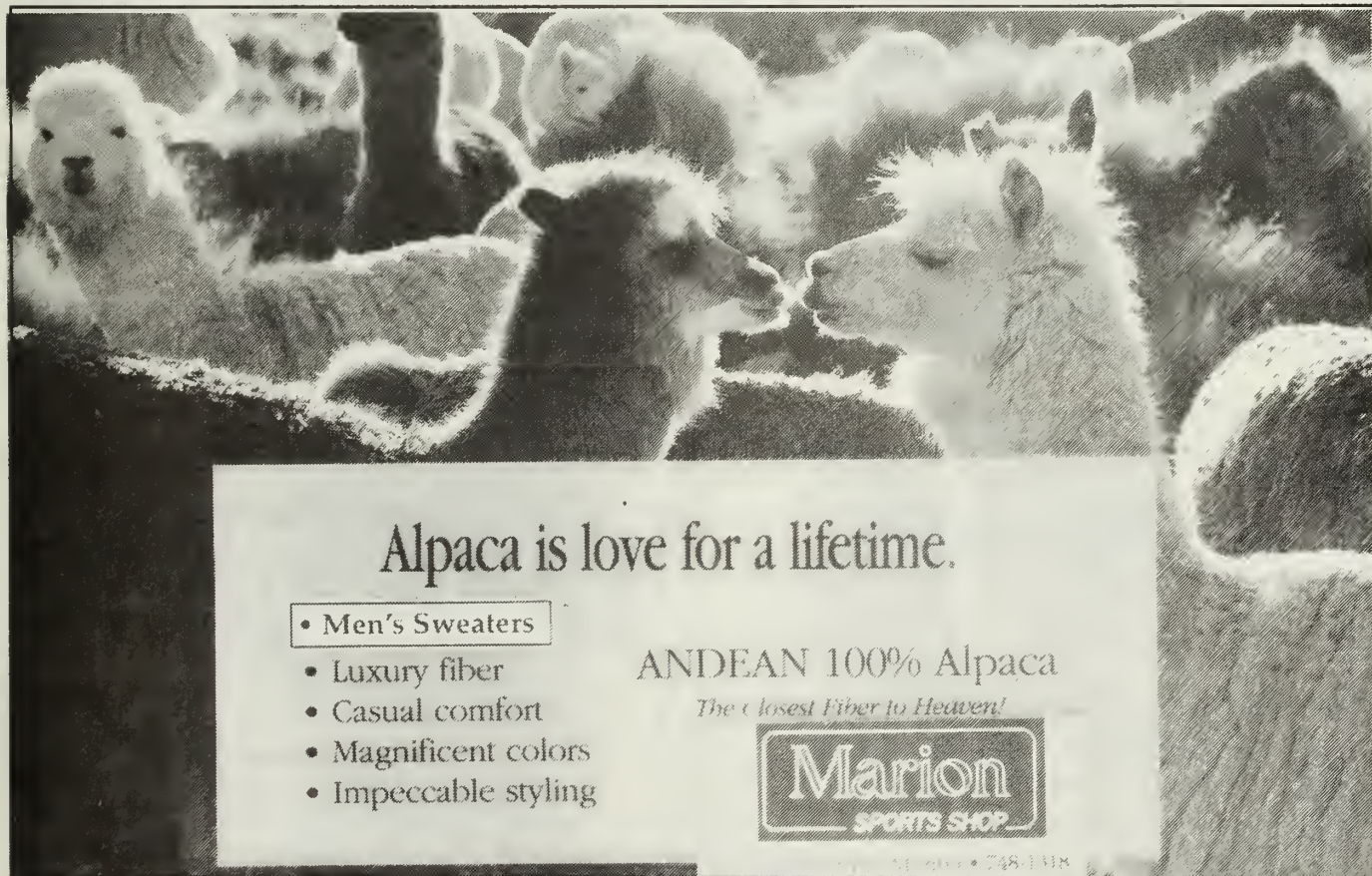
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At 6:30 pm the board met with all department heads to discuss the future financial direction of the town and the possibility of establishing a new Financial Director position. Chairman Hardy explained that the board has called the meeting in order to discuss the future financial direction of Acushnet, and to decide what needs to be done to bring the town "into the twenty-first century."

"We've installed a new (MUNIS) computer system in Town Hall, and we're looking to do all the finances out of Town Hall, maybe even payroll," Chairman Hardy said. "The Town Treasurer and Town Accountant are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We feel it's dangerous because these are political

appointments. We're looking for someone to handle all the financial matters in town ... and find someone to head up this structure who is capable of handling finances and the computer system."

Chairman Hardy stressed that this new position "will not eliminate any jobs," and the Board of Selectmen is empowered by the Town Charter to create the position. The funding for the job, however, will require Town Meeting approval. "If the town votes down the money, we can't hire anybody ... it's that simple," he said.

Chairman Hardy went on to explain that the town right now is "in a bind," since only one person in Town Hall — Town Accountant Alan Coutinho — is adept with dealing with and correcting any computer problems which they might encounter. "The employees in the Town Accountant's office and the Tax Collector's office do not have extensive computer experience," Chairman Hardy said. "The only person who has the necessary background is (Mr. Coutinho)."

Some residents and department heads present at the meeting wanted to know if this would simply be a matter of paying Mr. Coutinho to take on more work, or was the board looking to hire someone from outside of Town Hall. Chairman Hardy said he didn't know if Mr. Coutinho had the time or interest in taking on this new position. Mr. Coutinho stressed that under the "present conditions" in Town Hall, he would not be interested in the position at all.

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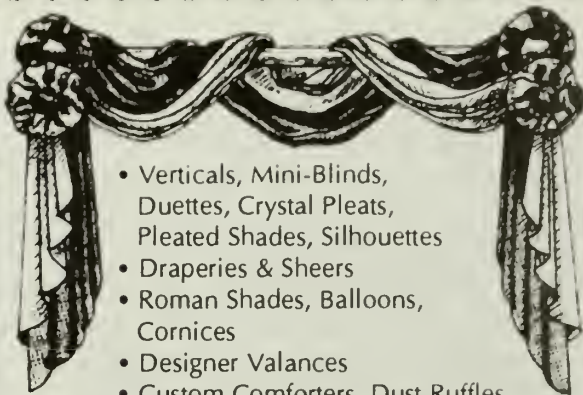


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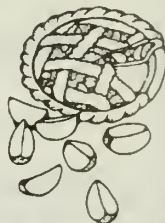
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Selectman Koczera agreed. "The Town of Acushnet is a \$13 million a year business," he said. "We need to get ourselves running this town like the corporation that it is. If we operated a private business the way we operate the town, we would have been bankrupt a long time ago. We cannot continue to function the way we have been. Acushnet needs to change."

The board agreed to draw up a job description for the position and would check into similar positions in other towns. They also agreed to prepare an organizational chart outlining the hierarchy of the position. Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen agreed they would like an article to appear on the next Special Town Meeting to allocate the funding for the position, so that a person could be hired to start the next fiscal year.

At 7:40 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and pending legal matters. They would return to regular session only to adjourn for the evening.

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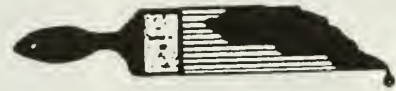
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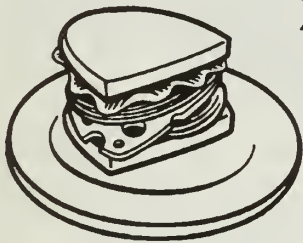
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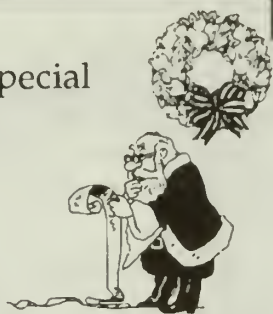
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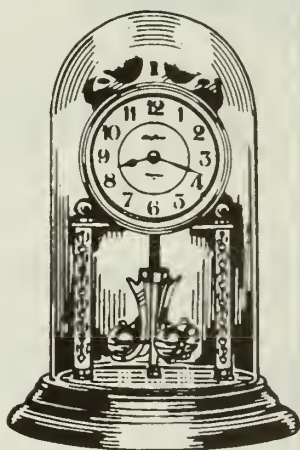
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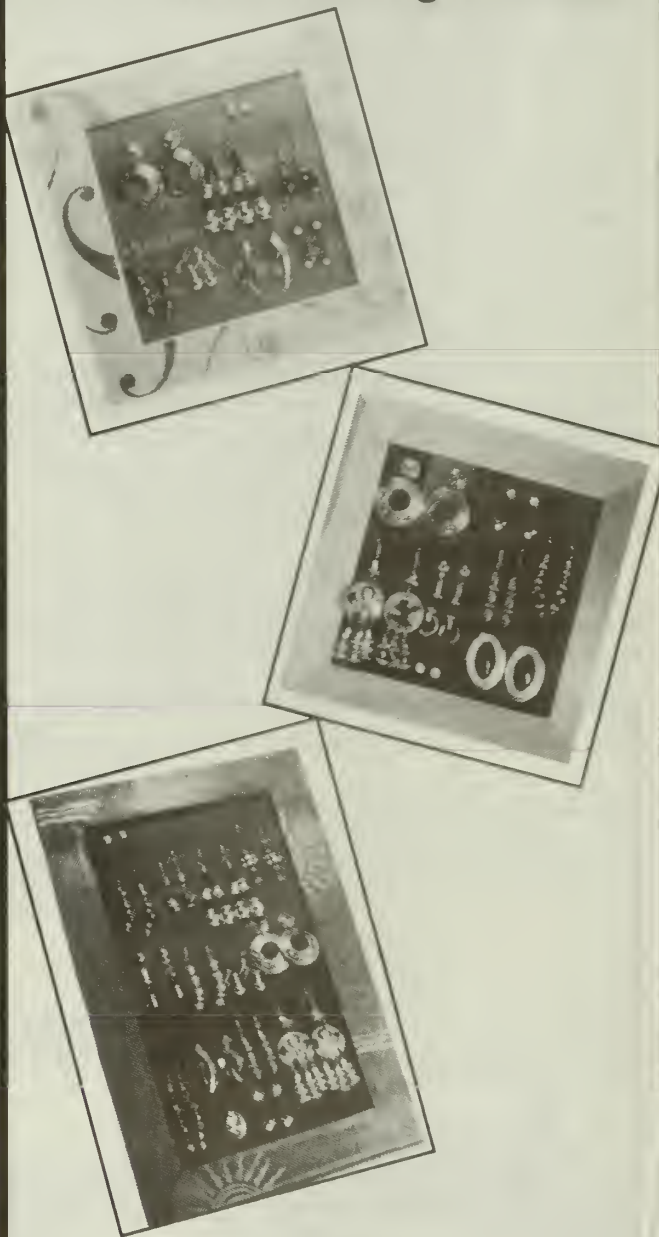


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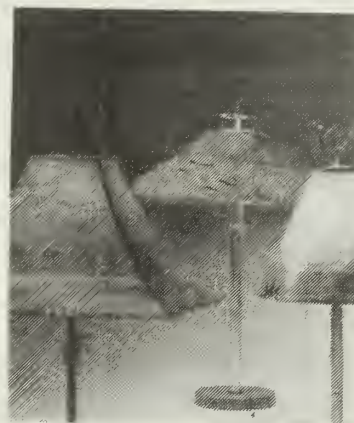
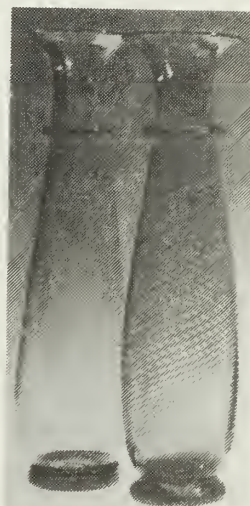
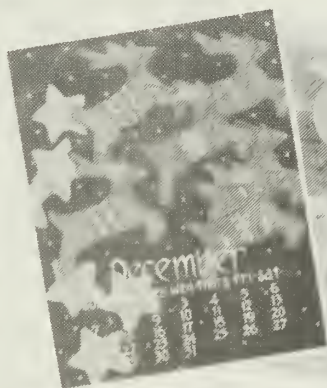
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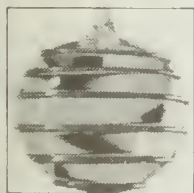
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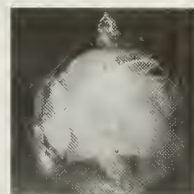


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Sports Spotlight

Fairhaven Coach Anticipates New Season

By Pamela L. Sylvia

Anticipation. Fairhaven High School's Basketball

Coach Bob Baldwin eagerly anticipates this time of year. This season, he hopes to improve his young basketball squad.

The Boys' Basketball team finished last season with a record of 8-14. Coach Baldwin admits the season looks questionable, but the circumstances are nothing he can control. "We haven't had a full practice squad in the last couple of weeks because so many kids have been sick," Coach Baldwin explained. "We started practice the Monday after Thanksgiving, and I still haven't seen all my players yet."

Besides natural causes preventing players from participating, Coach Baldwin realizes adversity booms near. He lost eight seniors to graduation, and only four

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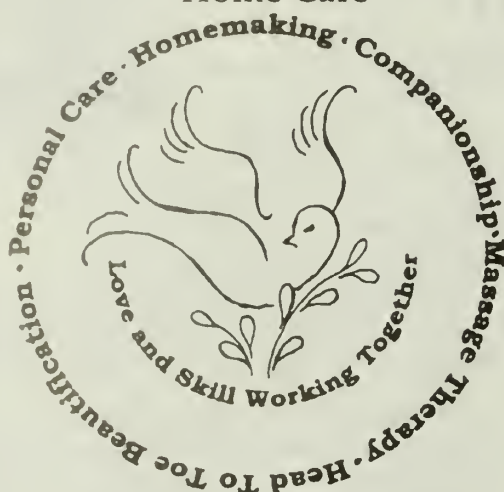
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players returning are Varsity lettermen.

Truly, no superstars stand out on the team. But Coach Baldwin believes those circumstances are good. "Without a superstar, the players will play more on a team level, which is a good thing," he said.

One experienced players returning will add strong defensive skills, but **Derek Almeida** will also be asked to produce more offense this season.

Coach Baldwin also expects his bench to have plenty of depth. "Everyone basically plays on the same level, so more people will play off our bench," he said.

Having coached Fairhaven basketball for almost a decade, Coach Baldwin's experience will pay off in different ways. But one thing has never changed — his philosophy. He stresses four key points to playing the game successfully.

"If we play unselfishly, smart, hard, and together, then we should play well," Coach Baldwin said.

With their first game quickly approaching, Coach Baldwin will work his team into shape. But one thing is for certain: his determination and motivation will shine through the performance of his pupils.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Ms. Swen Olausen of the Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester for donating this year's tree. A most important thank you is

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A very special thank you is extended to Bob Adams, Barbara Sullivan, Maria Cananze, and Melody Pacheco.

Sincerely,
John N. DeCosta, Chairman
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Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

To the Editor:

Editor's Note: Following is a copy of a letter sent to Robert

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Gardner, Principal at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School.

Could you please convey our sincere appreciation to the students and staff responsible for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner they sponsored for area seniors on November 24.

This event goes far beyond a meal; it is a real celebration of respect between the generations. Marion seniors look forward to this dinner each year, and our 100 tickets are gone in a few days. The tales that come back to me are impressive, from the wonderful food to the entertainment and the generous door prizes. But foremost on their list of praise is the courtesy and respect they feel from the students. This is so important in these days of negative publicity for our young adults. For many of these seniors it is their only Thanksgiving gathering. Thank you for making it so special and memorable.

Sincerely,
Diane Duebber, Director
Marion Council on Aging

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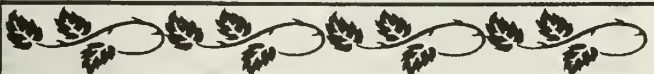
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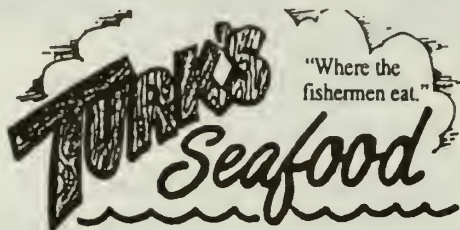
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Also on the table you'll find Christmas ornaments, knick-knacks, and the Dinner For Two dineout book. This is a good opportunity to get some last-minute gifts, avoid the crowded stores, and at the same time help an organization whose goal is to enhance the quality of life of the seniors in town.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will continue every Monday, except holidays, at the Senior Center in the Knights of Columbus Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The cost is just \$1 per session and well worth it.

Membership and Donations

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc. needs your help. The group's membership is open to anyone over 18 years of age and their goal is to help provide a better way of life for the senior citizens of Mattapoisett. In support of that goal, they run senior events, conduct fundraisers and coordinate activities with the town's Council on Aging.

If you identify with these goals and are considering gift giving, they would be most appreciated and put to good use. Gifts made during a person's life or as part of an estate plan are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. You do not have to be a member to give. All members and officers of the Friends are volunteers and receive no compensation — so 100 percent of any gift would reach its goal.

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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers
The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will host a "Holly Tree Special" Square and Round Dance on Saturday, December 14 at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Caller will be Jim Schell, the cuer will be Anna McDougall, and the level will be mainstream-plus. For more information please call 995-7204 or 995-2209.

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Calaban is a seven-member a capella singing group which will perform an evening of traditional holiday songs and carols from the British Isles. The event will also be a participatory evening where adults and children will be encouraged to join in the singing. Hear the "Boar's Head Carol" as it is sung at Queen's College in Oxford, as well as Wren Songs and village favorites from the Blue Ball Inn in England.

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Acushnet Students Earn Certificates

Recently 108 sixth graders from the Ford Middle School and St. Francis Xavier School in Acushnet were the recipients of "Certificates of Successful Completion" for their efforts in Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical

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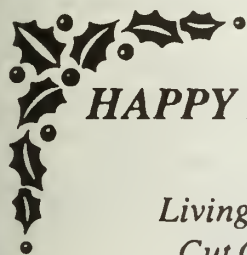
High School's Introductory Afternoon Vocational Program.

The afternoon program ran for six consecutive Tuesday afternoons at Old Colony Voke. The participants explored three different career alternatives in a hands-on approach to career exploration. The after-school enrichment program proved to be an exciting and innovative approach to career education. The program concluded with an awards ceremony attended by parents and friends.

Recipients of the certificates from the Town of Acushnet included:

Marc Aguiar, Danny Anjo, Zachary Benjamin, Monica Borges, Rebecca Bowen, Bethany Carmo, Peter Clerc, John Cormier, Sara Costa, Steven Craveiro, Kevin Dansereau, Stephanie DeMelo, Sean Dooley, Erica Ferreira, Tasha Fonseca, David Froh, Andrew Heywood, Edward Johnson, Ulysses Lafleur, Liam Leahy, Nicole Machado, Paul Mattos, John Mendonca, Elizabeth Anne Morette, Daniele Oliveira, Benjamin Pegg, Jamie Pimental, Marcy Rebello, Scott Rittenhouse, Jonathan Saraiva, Ted Smith, Steven Swift, Bethany Thomas, William Varley, Jenny Vilacha, Katy Wilson.

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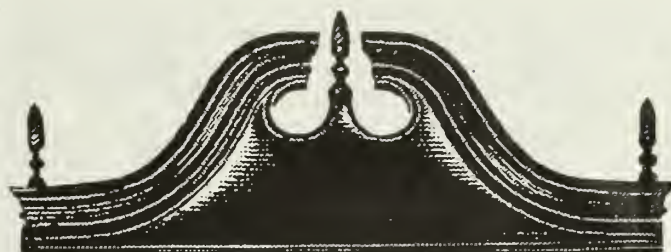
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Blood Pressure Clinic

A Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. The clinic is open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Mattapoisett Historical Coverlet

Wondering what to buy that special person for Christmas? The Mattapoisett Woman's Club has a limited supply of Mattapoisett Historical Coverlets for sale in colonial blue. The coverlet is 100 percent washable cotton, measures 72 by 48 inches, and is priced at \$45. It depicts twelve historical buildings/sites in the Town of Mattapoisett and will certainly be a collector's item in the future. Please call Phyllis Grader at 758-3410 today to order your coverlet. All Mattapoisett orders will be delivered to your door free of charge.

Off-Street Parking in Marion

Parking is the plague of Marion's commercial arteries, and the Marion Planning Board is poised to operate. The board is rewriting the parking rules and regulations for commercial zones and will include these in a comprehensive package of recommendations for business and residential land use changes for consideration by a Special Town Meeting late this winter.

Many of the recommendations surfaced at meetings held by the Marion Growth Management Committee and were reported by the committee to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. A major

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finding of the growth management process was that the requirements for off-street parking for businesses under current town regulations are excessive.

Recognizing the downsizing of automobiles in recent decades, the Planning Board has reduced the minimum size of off-street parking spaces that business must provide customers. Prior to 1996, parking spaces were required to be not less than ten by twenty feet. The new dimensions are nine by eighteen feet. Thus, by simply relining their lots, operating businesses may increase their spaces by up to ten percent.

The board commissioned an in-depth study, and its planning and business consultants have provided detailed recommendations for decreasing the number of spaces that a business needs in order to obtain a permit. The Planning Board has voted to develop these suggestions for Town Meeting consideration.

All of the changes in land use requirements, including parking regulations, are designed to retain the character, vitality and attractiveness of Marion while, at the same time, re-energizing the economic viability of the community. The parking changes will benefit businesses and their customers and will not adversely impact the delightful ambience of the community.

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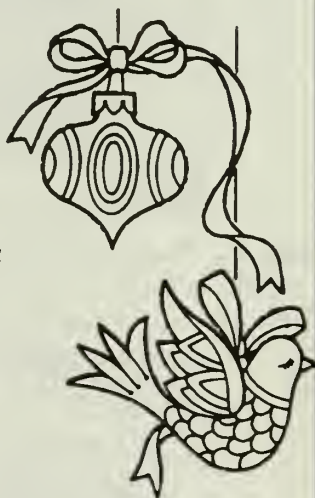
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The entire family will enjoy this special concert, an event in a season that means "family." Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the Symphony Music Shop (Westport), the Shawmut Diner (New Bedford), the Bookstall (Marion), and Margaret's Hallmark Card (Wareham). Tickets will also be available at the door. Children under 5 are admitted FREE.

Plumb Memorial Library - Rochester

Adult Book Discussion

The Plumb Library is in the process of starting an adult book discussion group and would like to hear from women and men interested in participating. The group is only in the planning stages, and can evolve depending on the needs and wants of those who sign up. If you'd like to join the group and/or help organize it, please contact Lucy Van Petten at 763-8600, or stop by during regular library hours.

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Winter/Holiday Crafts

There will be a Winter/Holiday Craft Program for children and young adults on Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Participants will be making paper crafts, ornaments, and items that can be given as gifts. This program is not recommended for children under four. Registration is required and younger children will need the assistance of a parent.

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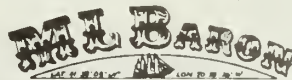
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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Swingers is a clichéd Gen-X film for lounge lizards

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ **Swingers.** Starring Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn. Directed by Doug Liman. Running time: 94 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

In *Swingers*, the twenty-something guys sit around talking about women — or, more precisely, “babes” — and comparing notes on how to land them. *Swingers*, of course, is the latest illegitimate child of *Diner*, and bits of it are genuinely sharp and funny. But the movie is also the very latest in ironic, post-everything comedy, with hip references and an obscure lingo — like *Trainspotting* for lounge lizards. And do we need another affectionate look at hapless Generation-X guys?

Directed by Doug Liman and written by one of its stars, Jon Favreau, *Swingers* is a clearly autobiographical L.A. story. The guys are all aspiring actors who grumble about the demeaning stuff they audition for; one character is up for the role of Goofy, but loses it to someone with “more theme-park experience.” We’ve seen the type in many independent movies lately, from *Swimming with Sharks* to *Leaving Las Vegas*. But this isn’t a movie to wallow in the despair of being a little fish in L.A.’s big pond.

The two main characters, struggling stand-up comic Mike (Favreau) and retro-slick actor Trent (Vince Vaughn), will remind some of Jules Feiffer’s clueless guys in his “Bernard and Huey” strips and his script for *Carnal Knowledge*. Those guys were baffled by the emerging feminism of the ‘60’s. Mike and Trent, by

contrast, are *fin-de-siecle* single guys. Decades of pop culture have given them an ironic awareness of every move they try on women. They’re watching themselves imitate the icons they grew up on: Travolta, the Fonz, even Woody Allen.

Some of this is engaging, and the leads do carry you along. Favreau is likably flustered and unsure (despite a troubling resemblance to Steve Guttenberg); Mike, who still carries a torch for the woman he left in New York, tells himself that nice guys finish last — that women don’t respect men who respect them. Trent, played to suave near-perfection by Vaughn, agrees that nice guys finish last, so he turns himself into his idea of a narcissistic playboy. Sex is less important to him than getting a woman’s phone number — he digs the theater of the singles bar, the process, the performance.

Liman and Favreau concoct a consciously derivative world for these guys, and though it’s appropriate to the movie, I got tired of it after a while. It’s too soon for *homages* to *Reservoir Dogs* (especially when the take-off is accompanied by talk about Tarantino), and Liman stumbles when he mimicks the Copacabana tracking shot from *GoodFellas*; he lacks Scorsese’s gliding technique and spontaneous-seeming choreography. The scene is there so you can recognize it and feel hip.

Swingers is very of-the-moment. It cashes in on the recent lounge revival and exploits male confusion in an era when sensitive guys are on the way out. (In these films, men are doomed never to know what women want.) It quotes from movies that Gen-X guys know by heart. It has its moments (the punchline of the movie is great), but the moments don’t add up to a vision or even a quotable cult comedy. The guys in *Swingers* are struggling actors in their careers and in their lives, too. They’re the stars of their own self-absorbed Gen-X movies.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (December 13) through Thursday (December 19)

Mars Attacks! (PG-13) — Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15;

Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:30

Jerry Maguire (R) — Fri: 5:30, 7:15, 8:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 1:15,

2:45, 4:00, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:00

Space Jam (PG) — Fri: 5:15, 7:00; Sat/Sun: 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30

Swingers (R) — Fri-Sun: 9:00; Mon-Thu: 8:30

Set It Off (R) — Fri: 7:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 7:45; Mon-Thu: 9:10

Secrets and Lies (R) — Fri: 5:00; Sat/Sun: 2:20, 5:00; Mon-Thu: 6:30

The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) — Fri: 5:00, 7:30, 9:50;

Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

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Friday (December 13) through Thursday (December 19)

Jingle All the Way (PG) — Fri: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30;

Sat: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 9:30;

Sun-Thu: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) — 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

101 Dalmatians (G) — Fri: 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:20;

Sat/Sun: 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:20;

Mon-Thu: 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:20

Ransom (R) — 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

The English Patient (R) — 1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Daylight (PG-13) — 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

The Preacher’s Wife (PG) — 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

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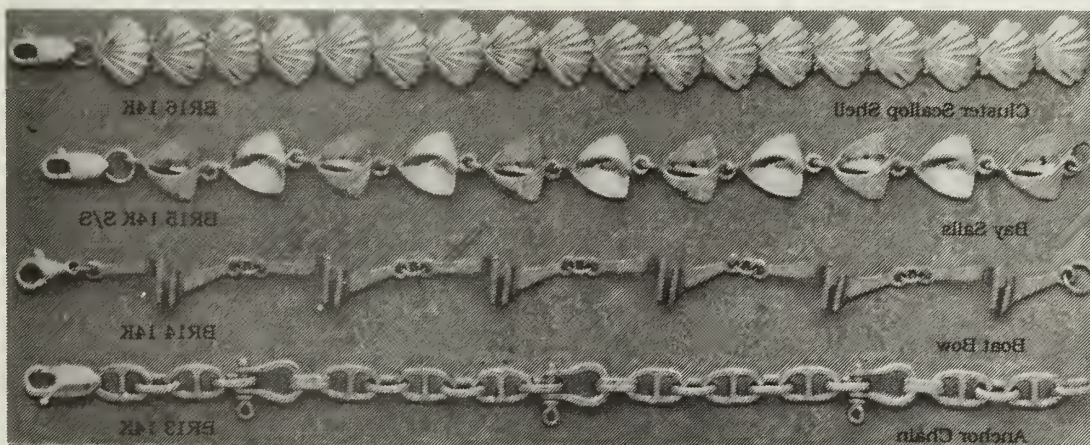
Internet Access

The Plumb Memorial Library is now providing FREE access to the Internet during regular library hours. Users may reserve time, or use it on a first-come, first-served basis. All users need to sign a user agreement form, and those under 18 need a parent's signature. There are all kinds of information out there, so why not come in and "surf the net"? Free Internet access is made possible by Ultranet.

Old Hammondtown Holiday Concert

Old Hammondtown School will present its annual holiday concert, "Cool Yule," on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00 am at the school. Students under the direction of

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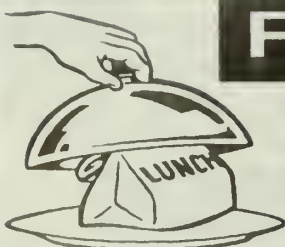
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Tuesday, December 17 — Bacon beef burgers, French fries, raw veggies, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dogs, potato puffs, peas, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, December 19 — Chicken patty sandwich, rice, raw veggies, or assorted cold sandwiches, soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, December 20 — Tuna sandwich, French fries, raw veggies, or grilled cheese and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Chicken nuggets, or bacon cheeseburger, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 17 — Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dog, or tuna roll/pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, December 19 — Oven fried chicken, rice, carrots, applesauce, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna roll/pocket, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY SERVICES

Monday, December 16 — Boneless chicken breast with gravy, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fresh apple.

Tuesday, December 17 — Vegetable soup, steamed kielbasa with sauerkraut, baked beans, branola bread, jello with diced pears.

Wednesday, December 18 — Minestrone soup, Salisbury steak with gravy, white rice, garden blend vegetables, white bread, sugar-free chocolate cake.

Thursday, December 19 — Beef pot pie with gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

Friday, December 20 — Broccoli and cheese, pollock with cream sauce, potato wedges, Scandinavian vegetables, multi-grain bread, mandarin oranges.

For reservations/cancellations, call 999-6400, extension 70 or 68 at least 24 hours in advance. Menu is subject to change without notice.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY

Monday, December 16 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved ham and cheese, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 17 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, green beans, salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Wednesday, December 18 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn, chilled pears, applesauce, blueberry jello with topping.

Thursday, December 19 — Mixed fruit, roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, holiday cake.

Friday, December 20 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, oven fries, carrots, chilled pineapple, peaches.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, "hero" grinder, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, December 17 — Pepperoni pizza, Kentucky style chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, chilled pears, apple crisp with topping.

Wednesday, December 18 — Italian meat loaf with sauce, grated mozzarella, BBQ chicken leg, seasoned pasta noodles, carrots, peas, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Thursday, December 19 — Mixed fruit, roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, holiday cake.

Friday, December 20 — Baked macaroni and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved turkey club, fishwich, potato puffs, green beans, chilled pineapple, chocolate pudding with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Chicken nuggets, rice, corn, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, December 17 — Bacon beef burgers, French fries, raw veggies, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dogs, potato puffs, peas, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, December 19 — Assorted cold sandwiches, soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, December 20 — Tuna sandwich, French fries, raw veggies, or grilled cheese and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved ham and cheese, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 17 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, green beans, salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Wednesday, December 18 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn, chilled pears, applesauce, blueberry jello with topping.

Thursday, December 19 — Mixed fruit, roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, holiday cake.

Friday, December 20 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, oven fries, carrots, chilled pineapple, peaches.

■ ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Chicken nuggets, or bacon cheeseburger, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 17 — Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dog, or tuna roll/pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, December 19 — Oven fried chicken, rice, carrots, applesauce, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna roll/pocket, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE

Monday, December 16 — Juice, rib-a-que sandwich, spicy fries, corn, fruit, chocolate cake.

Tuesday, December 17 — Beef vegetable soup, linguica sandwich, potato rounds, peas, cookie.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, cranberry sauce, jello.

Thursday, December 19 — Juice, rotini with meat sauce, green beans, roll, peanut butter cookie.

Friday, December 20 — French bread pizza, potato chips, vegetable sticks, fruit, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Chicken nuggets, or bacon cheeseburger, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 17 — Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dog, or

tuna roll/pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, December 19 — Oven fried chicken, rice, carrots, applesauce, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna roll/pocket, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Soup, meatball sub, or chicken patty, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 17 — Chicken filet, or BBQ ribs, potato puffs, lettuce and tomato, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 18 — Soup, Salisbury steak, or chicken fritters, mashed potato, corn, applesauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 19 — Meat lasagna, or Steak'Um with cheese sub, green beans, garlic bread, pudding, juice or milk.

Friday, December 20 — Chicken with rice, or Italian sub, glazed carrots, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Chicken nuggets, or bacon cheeseburger, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 17 — Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 18 — Hot dog, or tuna roll/pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, December 19 — Oven fried chicken, rice, carrots, applesauce, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna roll/pocket, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, December 16 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved ham and cheese, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 17 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, green beans, salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Wednesday, December 18 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn, chilled pears, applesauce, blueberry jello with topping.

Thursday, December 19 — Mixed fruit, roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, holiday cake.

Friday, December 20 — EARLY DISMISSAL (no lunch served).

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 2 through December 8, 1996:

- Pageotte Street – vandalism
- Russell Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Slocum Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Main Street – suspicious activity
- Proteau Street – humane call/injured animal
- Darling Street – suspicious investigation
- Slocum Street/Nye Avenue – adult arrest (operating under the influence, negligent operation of motor vehicle, speeding, failure to keep right of oncoming traffic)
- Club Avenue – prowlers
- Mendall Road – shots fired
- South Main Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Gwen Tower Site – vandalism
- South Main Street – littering
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Leboeuf Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Fairfield Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Jean Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Boylston Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – motor vehicle theft
- Nye Avenue – domestic disturbance
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident
- Kendrick Avenue/Nye's Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Wamsutta Avenue – domestic disturbance/juvenile arrest (assault and battery on household member, malicious destruction of property)
- Perry Hill/Main Street – motor vehicle accident
- Middle Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Robinson Road – shots fired
- Pershing Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Darling Street – adult arrest (assault with hands/fists, personal injury, assault on household member)
- Bow Drive – suspicious motor

vehicle.

■ FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 2 through December 9, 1996:

- Balsam Street – boat in distress
- Shaw Road – gambling
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest
- Sarah's Way – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Hill Street – vandalism
- Silver Shell Beach Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Green Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, operating with suspended registration)
- Church Street – adult arrest (possession of Class B substance, possession of hypodermic needle and syringe, conspiracy to violate drug laws)
- Route 6 – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Livsey Park – disturbance/gang
- Sconticut Neck Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Raymond Street – missing person
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Newbury Avenue – vandalism
- Little Bay Road – disturbance/loud noise
- Castle Avenue – vandalism
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Huttleston Avenue – disabled motor vehicle
- Ocean Meadows – larceny
- Washington Street – adult arrest (warrant, operating an uninsured motor vehicle)
- Bridge Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, failure to stay within marked lines)
- Middle Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Benoit Square – suspicious person
- Torrington Street – vandalism
- Sconticut Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Howland Road – adult arrest (warrant, motor vehicle offenses)
- Middle Street – missing person
- Adams Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger)
- Adams Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Nancy Street – annoying phone calls
- Point Street – adult arrest (stalking,

violation of restraining order, breaking and entering, intent to commit a felony, destruction of property)

- Seaview Avenue – suspicious person
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Huttleston Avenue – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Fisherman Road – domestic violence
- Fisherman Road – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic violence, violation of prevention order)
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- New Boston Road – vandalism
- Misty Bay Road – breaking and entering/dwelling
- Plaza Way – vandalism
- Bridge Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, warrant, larceny).

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 1 through December 7, 1996:

- Point Road – vandalism/past
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity/adult arrest (default warrant, disorderly conduct, possession of Class D substance, breaking and entering, larceny, assault and battery)
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wareham Road – family disturbance
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, giving false name to police officer, failure to stay within marked lines)
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Rocky Knook Lane – hunting violation
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – missing person
- Point Road – gunshots reported
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Water Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cottage Street – annoying phone calls
- Lewis Street – annoying phone calls
- Lewis Street – adult arrest (default warrant)
- Front Street – weapons violation
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Aucoot Avenue – hunting violation
- Mill Street – breaking and entering/past

- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of alcohol, operating recklessly so as to endanger, driving while drinking alcohol).

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 1 through December 3, 1996:

- Fairhaven Road – alarm sounding
- River Bend Lane – found dog
- County Road – keys locked inside motor vehicle
- Brandt Island Road – sailboat in distress
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – alarm sounding
- Barstow Street – past motor vehicle accident
- North Street – loose dog reported
- Shaw Street – suspicious activity
- Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- County Road – returned property
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Route 6 – gas spilled on road.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 2 through December 9, 1996:

- Alley Road – car hit deer
- Smith Street – deer in road (hit by car)
- Rounseville Road – complaint
- Randall Road – alarm
- Bennett Road – alarm
- Old Tuck Bog Road – civil complaint
- Marion Road – vandalism
- Rounseville Road – car hit deer
- Mendall Road – breaking and entering
- New Bedford Road – civil complaint
- Rounseville Road – civil complaint
- Dexter's Lane – suspicious activity
- High Street – civil complaint
- Negas Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – civil complaint
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Quaker Lane – suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road – accident (hit and run)
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

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The Acushnet Historical Commission is seeking a new Associate Member. The candidate should have a strong interest in local history, and be prepared to give several hours per month in volunteer commission activities. The Associate Member would be expected to attend all commission meetings (every third Monday at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall), would participate in discussion but would have no vote, and would be given preference in consideration for the replacement of a regular member. If interested, please call 763-2488 to make an appointment for an interview.

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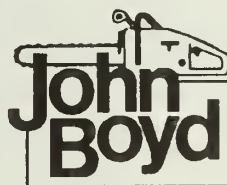
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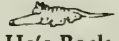
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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN INVITATION TO BID</p> <p>The Marion Board of Selectmen invites sealed bids for sewer system rehabilitation. The work of this contract includes rehabilitation of portions of the Town of Marion's existing wastewater collection system in the Lewis Street area, as well as on Front, Vine and Hiller Streets. The work includes, but is not limited to, cleaning, testing and chemical sealing and smoke testing of existing sewers. The contract time for completion of the work shall be sixty (60) calendar days.</p> <p>Contract documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., Ten Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142. Contract documents are available for examination at F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA. A deposit of \$50.00 in cash or check payable to the Town of Marion will be required for each set of the contract documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for documents returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after the bids are received. Bidders requesting contract documents by mail shall include an additional non-refundable check payable to Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of \$20.00 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing. Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the bids. The successful bidder must furnish a one hundred percent (100%) construction performance bond and a one hundred percent (100%) construction payment bond with a surety company acceptable to the Town of Marion. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of the contract shall be in full compliance with section 39M inclusive of Chapter 20 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised. Wage rates for this project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M. G. L., Chapter 149, sections 26 to 27G inclusive, as contained in the project manual.</p>	<p>Sealed bids marked "Sewer System Rehabilitation" will be received at the Selectmen's office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 until 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.</p> <p>The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Jonathan E. Dickerson Chairman Marion Board of Selectmen. 12/13, 12/20.</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application No. W95-4876 Duane W. & Miriam Ragsdale Notification Date: Dec 18, 1996 Public Notice is hereby given of the application by Duane W & Miriam Ragsdale to maintain an existing stone seawall, stone rip-rap & stone groins at 13 Avenue A within an Ocean Sanctuary in the Municipality of Mattapoisett in and over the waters of Buzzards Bay.</p> <p>The proposed use of the structure(s) and/or fill is to provide shore-line stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent project.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments submitted thirty (30) days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the Municipal Official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 292-5695. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below. Written comments must be submitted to: John A. Simpson, Program Chief, DEP/ Waterways Regulation Program, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. 12/13</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING The Marion Conservation Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 18, 1996 in the Town House main conference room has been rescheduled to 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 19, 1996 in the Town House main conference room. 12/13</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 7:15 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent of James Shepley, 99 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct an addition and access ramp to the existing dwelling and enlarge the existing driveway within the 100 foot buffer zone to a wetland and bank and within a Riverfront Area pursuant to 310 CMR 10.00. The project is located at 99 County Road. Assessor's Map 8 Lot 142. 12/13</p> <p> He's Back...</p> <p>This week and every week to follow we are hiding the aardvark in <i>The Wanderer</i> once again. For those of you not familiar with this practice, here's how it works. Each week we hide a little aardvark (shown above, actual size) somewhere in the newspaper (not counting the aardvark above). If you find him (or even if you don't) you can send in a postcard with your name, address, and phone number to the address below to enter our Aardvark Drawing! This week we are giving away an "I found the Aardvark" lapel pin. Send entrees to: Aardvark, P.O., Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.</p>



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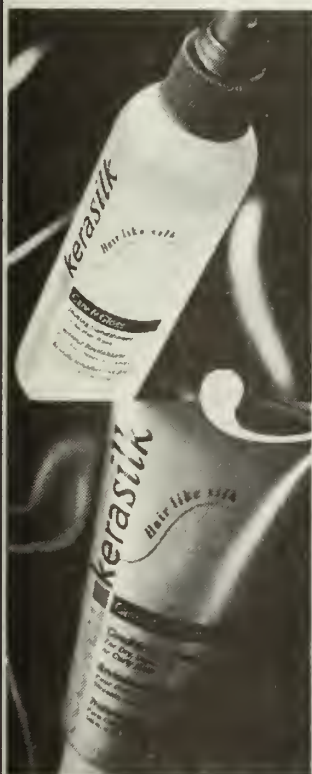
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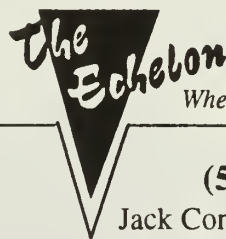
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE

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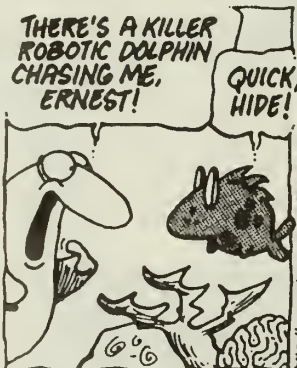
1997 BEACH/WHARF STICKERS will also be available for SALE in the Selectmen's Office as of December 2, 1996 for a fee of \$4.00. Seniors over the age of 70 are eligible for free beach/wharf stickers and shellfish licenses. MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN 11/29, 12/06

NOTICE OF AUCTION

DeCoffe Automotive Service, 2 County Rd., Rt. 6, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 (508) 758-2153. Auction of lien property on December 31, 1996 at 9:30 AM. 1983 Toyota Celica Hatchback Serial # UINJT2RA64L976165410. 12/06, 12/13, 12/20.

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, 12-17-96 at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Robert F. Brooks, 267 Dover Road, Westwood, MA 02090. The proposed project is to make an addition to an existing bedroom. The project is located at 2 Holly Street, Mattapoisett, MA. and is further identified as Lot 158 on Assessor Map 4. Conservation Commission 12/13



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Animal Umbrella is very willing and able to spay and neuter the adults, take the existing kittens into foster care, and provide food and shelter after surgery. The total cost of this project would be over \$500. Animal Umbrella is appealing to cat lovers out there who can help. Any amount donated toward this project would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Animal Umbrella, 11 Ridgewood Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The group will keep you informed of their progress.

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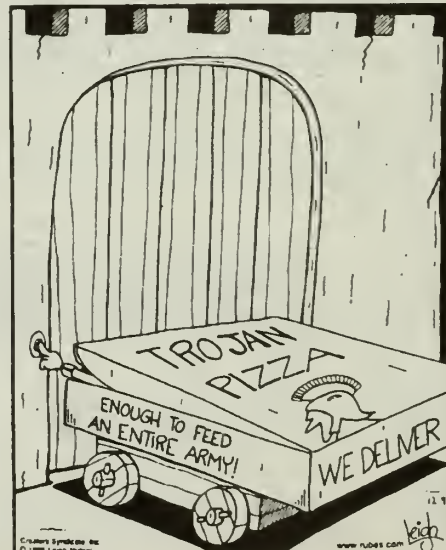
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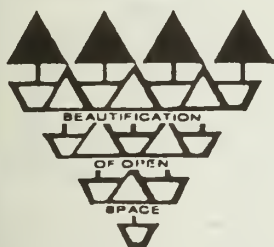
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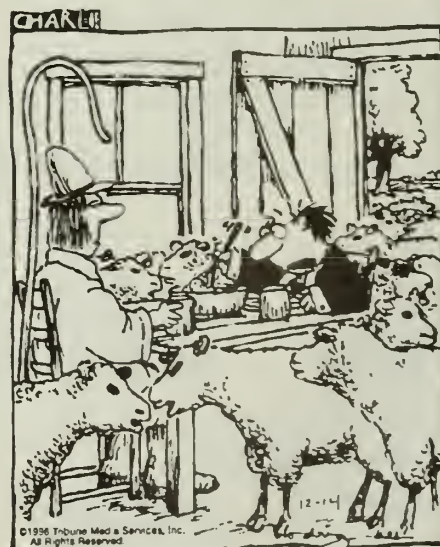
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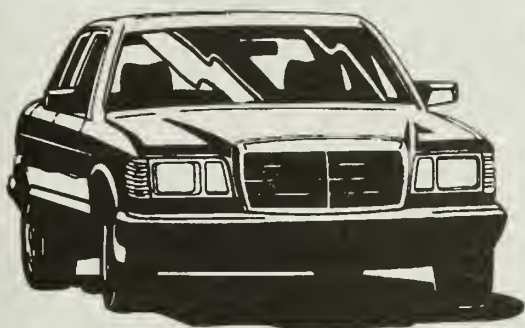
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December 14:	Sat.	10:30	11:01	3:37	4:17
December 15:	Sun.	11:26	11:59	4:33	5:11
December 16:	Mon.	...	12:25	5:35	6:10
December 17:	Tues.	1:00	1:26	6:45	7:14
December 18:	Wed.	2:01	2:27	8:05	8:22
December 19:	Thur.	3:01	3:27	9:27	9:29
December 20:	Fri.	3:59	4:23	10:36	10:28
December 21:	Sat.	4:52	5:15	11:31	11:18
December 22:	Sun.	5:42	6:03	12:17	...
December 23:	Mon.	6:28	6:48	12:02	12:56
December 24:	Tues.	7:12	7:32	12:41	1:30
December 25:	Wed.	7:54	8:15	1:16	2:00
December 26:	Thur.	8:36	8:57	1:51	2:29
December 27:	Fri.	9:17	9:39	2:24	2:58
December 28:	Sat.	9:58	10:22	2:59	3:29
December 29:	Sun.	10:40	11:07	3:35	4:03
December 30:	Mon.	11:23	11:54	4:14	4:40

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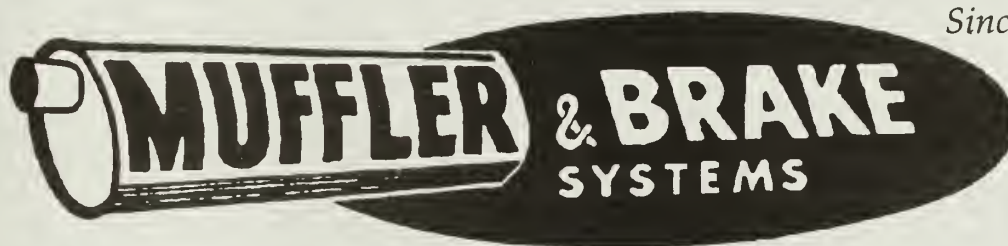
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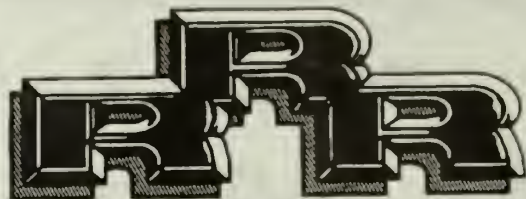
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